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Further information on UA 369/94 (ASA 21/45/94, 6 October 1994) and follow-up (ASA 21/46/94 12 October) - Imminent arrest as prisoner of conscience

INDONESIA **Dr George Aditjondro, academic**

Dr George Aditjondro, a prominent Indonesian academic at Satya Wacana University in Salatiga, Central Java, remains at risk of arrest for his peaceful academic and political activities. If detained he would be a prisoner of conscience.

Dr Aditjondro is wanted for questioning on charges of "insulting a government authority or body", under Article 207 of the Indonesian Criminal Code, a charge which carries a maximum penalty of 18 months' imprisonment. The pretext for the questioning appears to arise from comments Dr Aditjondro made regarding possible scenarios for the Presidential succession in Indonesia during a penal discussion at the Universitas Islam Indonesia (UII) in Yogyakarta in August last year. Amnesty International believes, however, that the authorities are attempting to punish Dr Aditjondro for his past criticism of government policy relating to human rights and environmental problems in Indonesia and East Timor and to prevent him from taking part in further peaceful activities.

Dr Aditjondro received his first summons on 5 October 1994, requiring him to report to Yogyakarta Police on 8 October, while he was outside Indonesia. He was again summoned on 15 October and questioned over two days on 22 and 24 October. On 21 December, Dr Aditjondro received another summons to appear for questioning on 28 December. Through his lawyers, Dr Aditjondro argued that as a practising Christian, he should not have to be questioned over the Christmas religious holiday. On 1 January 1995, the police delivered a summons requiring Dr Aditjondro to report to Yogyakarta police at 9am on 7 January. However, as he may be outside Java on 7 January, it is not clear whether Dr Aditjondro will be able to comply with the summons.

Under Indonesia's Code of Criminal Procedure (KUHAP), a person suspected of having committed an offence cannot be arrested unless they have failed to comply with legal summons on two consecutive occasions without presenting valid reasons. Dr Aditjondro has so far complied with the legal summons with which he has been presented. Amnesty International is concerned however that, as in the case of labour leader Dr Muchtar Pakpahan (see Amnesty International *Indonesia: "Operation Cleansing"*, November 1994, ASA 21/50/94), the authorities may argue that Dr Aditjondro failed to comply with the two summons dated 28 December 1994 and 7 January 1995, placing him at greater risk of arrest.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The questioning of Dr Aditjondro is symptomatic of official harassment and intimidation of alleged government critics which escalated in the second half of last year. These measures included prevention or breaking up of meetings and seminars, the arbitrary arrest of human rights activists, and the torture or ill-treatment of some political detainees.

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FURTHER RECOMMENDED ACTION: Please send telegrams/telexes/faxes/express and airmail letters
- expressing concern that Dr George Aditjondro remains in imminent danger of arrest for the peaceful expression of his views;
- urging that the case against Dr Aditjondro be immediately and unconditionally dropped.

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